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AFTER THE EX-RESEAR-CHERS WANIBE AND MAKINE DEAD...
THEN ZAIZEN OTOHIKO WAS FOUND DEAD IN LOCKED ROOM IN THE UNDER-GROUND LAB.
WHERE OUR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FRIEND AND ALSO A SCIENCE GENIUS, MIDORIKAWA MAYU WORKED AS LABORATORY CHIEF.
MIYUKI AND I WERE INVOLVED IN "MAN-EATING" MASS SUICIDE CASE WHILE STAYING IN HITOKUI VILLAGE...

ARE THESE CHAINS OF DEATHS REALLY A MASS SUICIDE CASE....?

THERE'S NO MISTAKE, THIS IS MURDER!

THE CULPRIT HAS CLEVERLY MADE AN IMPOSSIBLE THING POSSIBLE WITH A PSYCHO-LOGICAL TRICK!

I WILL DEFINITELY SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!

I SWEAR IT IN THE NAME,

OF MY GRANDFATHER!

The Human-Eater Laboratory Murder Case

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Chapter 8

IN THE NEXT MURDER, WHICH WAS MAKINE-SAN'S, EVERYONE HAD A PERFECT ALIBI.

THEN, ALIBI CHECKING WAS NOT NECESSARY.

ONE, THE FIRST MURDER.

THERE'S NO MISTAKE, IT'S A PROLOGUE MURDER THAT UTILIZED THE ASSUMPTION THAT WANIBE'S CAUSE OF DEATH WAS THE RESONANCE CREATED BY LOW FREQUENCY WAVES.

FIRSTLY LET'S RECONSTRUCT THE MYSTERY OF THIS CASE!

RIGHT!

THE TIMING OF THE ATTACK WAS CERTAIN, ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE.

IF HE REALLY WAS ATTACKED BY SOMEONE AND MURDERED...

WHEN I FOUND MAKINE HERE, HE WAS STILL ALIVE.

THE SAME WITH TANISE.

WE'D JUST INVITED KODAKA-SAN TO JOIN US TO KARAOKE.

AT THAT TIME...

MAYU-CHAN WAS ALONE IN HER LAB AND WAS IN A PHONE CALL WITH NAKAGAMI-SAN...

IN ORDER TO INVITE HER TO KARAOKE WITH US, RIGHT?

RIGHT, WHICH IS WHY, AT A GLANCE ALL FIVE LIVING PEOPLE HAD PERFECT ALIBI.

AND APPARENTLY HAJIMA-SAN WAS READING IN HIS ROOM WHEN KODAKA-SAN CALLED HIM...

SO HE HAD AN ALIBI!

MOREOVER, THE HARDEST MYSTERY...

THE LOCKED ROOM SITUATION IN UNDERGROUND LAB WHERE ZAIZEN WAS KILLED.

I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS UP, SO YOU WANTED TO GO BACK TO THE UNDER-GROUND LAB.

*LABORATORY NO.1

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WELL... WE DON'T HAVE A KEY, THAT'S WHY WE CALLED HAJIMA-SAN...

EH?

THIS ROOM IS UNLOCKED. THIS ROOM HASN'T BEEN USED IN A LONG TIME AFTERALL...

BESIDES, THE KEY IS ALMOST ALWAYS UNDER THE DOOR MAT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD GO OUT OF YOUR WAY LIKE THIS.

BUT THAT NIGHT THE DOOR WAS LOCKED.

ZAIZEN MUST'VE LOCKED IT HIMSELF SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD REALIZE THAT IT WAS SUICIDE!

NEVER MIND THAT, LET'S GO IN!

AFTER THAT INCIDENT, I CAN'T LET YOU WALK AROUND CARELESSLY.

WHEN WE CAME HERE WITH MAYU BEFORE ZAIZEN'S DEATH...

THE DOOR WAS ALSO LOCKED.

HOW WEIRD...

AND WE WERE DEPENDING ON FLASH LIGHT WHILE WALKING STRAIGHT TO THE DOOR OF THE INSIDE ROOM.

WHEN WE CAME HERE THE FIRST TIME, THERE WAS NO LIGHT.

WE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE *FORMULA* WRITTEN ON THE WALL.

AFTER OPENING THE DOOR,

AND BECAUSE THIS ROOM IS UNDERGROUND, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE TRICKS FROM THE OUTSIDE!

THIS ROOM BECAME A LOCKED ROOM.

AFTER CLOSING THE DOOR WHERE ZAIZEN WAS HANGED,

RIGHT! EVERY-ONE'S ALIBIS ALSO!

BUT HAJIME-CHAN, THE MYSTERY IS NOT ONLY ABOUT THE LOCKED ROOM, IS IT?

IS THAT THE SUPPOSEDLY UNUSED SINK, ISN'T WE?!

THE ONLY THING THAT CATCH MY ATTENTION

THEY WERE WITH US THE WHOLE TIME.

MAYU AND NAKAGAMI-SAN WERE IN THE KARAOKE ROOM.

AT THAT TIME, KODAKA-SAN AND HAJIMA-SAN WERE IN THE DINING ROOM.

ACCORDING TO A VETERAN DOCTOR, ZAIZEN'S TIME OF DEATH WAS

BETWEEN 11 AND 12 P.M.

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AND THE OTHER ONE WAS HANGED INSIDE NAKAGAMI-SAN'S LAB ROOM.

THERE WERE ONLY TWO KEYS. ONE WAS IN ZAIZEN'S HAND INSIDE THIS LOCKED ROOM.

THE ONLY ONE WITH THE CHANCE WAS JUST TANISE, BUT...

HOW DID THE CULPRIT TAKE CARE OF IT?

IN THIS CONDITION, WHERE EVERYONE SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO DO MURDER...

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!

KYAA!!

YOU SHOULDN'T LOITER AROUND IN A PLACE WHERE SOME-ONE HAD DIED!!

W- WE'RE SORRY!

KODAKA-SAN!

I GET IT!

WHAT'S WRONG, HAJIME-CHAN?

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NOW, LET'S GO!

HAJIMA-SAN TOO, PLEASE EXPLAIN THE CONDITION TO THEM!

THE CULPRIT'S ALIBI!

NOW, HOW TO DESTROY.

EH!? ...EH!?

ONE MYSTERY HAS BEEN SOLVED!

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EH?

ON THAT WET SINK!

THE CLUE IS PROBABLY,

NAKASAHI-SAN, THIS PIPE HAS TWO KNOBS HOW DOES EACH ONE WORK?

AH! THE BOTTOM ONE IS USED TO CHANNEL THE WATER TO THE UNDER-GROUND ROOM, SO NOW IT'S CLOSED.

SO IF WE TURN THE KNOB. WATER WILL COME OUT?

YES, OF COURSE!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO MAKE THE WATER DON'T COME OUT?

IF YOU CLOSE THE UPPER KNOB, THE WATER WON'T FLOW TO THE UNDERGROUND ROOM AND MY LAB, WHY DO YOU ASK?

IT'S NO-THING..

YES, JUST LIKE I EXPLAINED BEFORE.

AND AT THE SAME TIME SLOWLY PRODUCES OIL RIGHT?

MAYU, THIS ALGAE ABSORBS A LOT OF CARBON DIOXIDE, AND THEN TURNS IT INTO OXYGEN...

*LABORATORY NO.2

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YES, I'M STILL LOOKING AT IT, JUST LIKE MY FATHER ASKED..

THIS IS.. THE CODE...

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HAJIME-CHAN?

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I'M BUSY, IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE TO LOOK AT IT FOR 24 HOURS

BUT IT'S NO USE, I DON'T KNOW!

IT'S NOTHING.

YEAH!

T-THAT MEANS...

PLEASE ASK NAKAGAMI-SAN TO GATHER EVERYONE IN THE KARAOKE ROOM!

EH?

HEY, HAJIME-CHAN! WHAT'S WRONG?

MIYUKI..

ALL OF THE MYSTERIES,
HAVE BEEN SOLVED!

IT'S STILL HERE...

IF I LEAVE THIS VILLAGE WHILE LEAVING THIRD OF M, THE FORMULA WON'T BE COMPLETED.

BEFORE COMPLETING IT... I CAN'T LEAVE YET!

WAIT A SECOND, WHAT IS HAPPENING?

YEAH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?

AFTER MESSING AROUND IN THE UNDER-GROUND ROOM, NOW WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

EH..? YOU MEAN BY "SOLVED"...

I HAVE SOLVED THIS CASE'S MYSTERY!

ARE YOU GOING TO DO ANOTHER KARAOKE CONTEST?

WHY ARE WE GATHE-RING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SOLVED!

AND THE REAL FORM OF *HUMAN EATER* MASS SUICIDE CASE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW,

THE MYSTERIOUS "FORMULA" AND THE PICTURE CODE LEFT BY MAYU'S FATHER WHO DIED TWO YEARS AGO...

THERE'S ANOTHER THING THAT SHOULD BE FINISHED FIRST!

BEFORE THAT

WHAT'S ACTUALLY WRITTEN...

SO YOU SOLVED THAT CODE!

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ABOUT THE *HUMAN EATER* THAT OCCURRED TWO YEARS AGO!

THE MIDORI-KAWA FACTOR!

BUT, THAT MASS SUICIDE WAS ACTUALLY A CRUEL MURDER CASE CAUSED BY GREED TO GET,

WHAT!?

AND ENDED BY THE DEATH OF MAYU'S FATHER, MIDORIKAWA KENDOU, WHO DIED BY BURNING.

CONTINUED BY THREE ATTEMPTS OF SUICIDE

THE CASE TWO YEARS AGO STARTED FROM HAJIMA-SAN'S BROTHER WHO JUMPED TO HIS DEATH...

YOU MEAN THAT FORMULA!?

3a+3i+3e=M

TO PROVE THAT IS THE DYING MESSAGE LEFT BY THE [redacted] ON THE WALL.

WHO MADE THE CASE LOOKS LIKE A SUICIDE!

THIS IS A CLUE THAT IS OFTEN USED AND IT CONTAINS NAME OF THE THREE KILLERS...

THIS IS NOT A FORMULA!

Wa Ni Be

TAKE JUST THE VOWELS FROM THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. WANIBE..

Ma Ki Ne

THEN MAKINE..

Ta Ni Se

AND TANISE!

3a+3i+3e=M

Wa Ni Be

Ma Ki Ne

Ta Ni Se

THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE SAME SET OF VOWELS IN THEIR NAMES ARE "M".

IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE THE *MURDERER!*

=Murderer

W-WAIT...

KILLED PROFESSOR MIDORIKAWA!?

WHAT...!? WANIBE, MAKINE, AND...

EVEN TANISE...

TO DEVISE A PLAN TO CAMOUFLAGE THE DEATH OF THE PROFESSOR ARE YOU THREE, YOU, WANIBE, AND MAKINE!

BUT, THE ONES WHO UTILIZED THAT COINCIDENCE AND REPLAYED *HUMAN EATER* LABORATORY THEATRE THAT HAD ALWAYS BEEN FAMOUS

HAJIMA-SAN'S BROTHER'S SUICIDE WAS A COINCI-DENCE.

WAIT A SECOND! TWO YEARS AGO, I ALSO TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE!

THAT'S JUST A PSYCHO-LOGICAL TRICK!

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JUST LIKE HIDING A LEAF IN THE MIDDLE OF A FOREST!

SO THAT PROFESSOR'S *DEATH* WAS CONSIDERED AS THE FIFTH CASE OF THE MASS SUICIDE CASE!!

LET'S THINK BACK FROM THE BEGINNING OF THIS CASE!

ENOUGH, CALM DOWN!

N-NO!! I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!

REALLY!!

LIAR! YOU THOUGHT THOSE THREE WERE AN OBSTACLE AND...

SO THE PROFESSOR WAS REALLY MURDERED?!

T-THEN... THE ONE WHO KILLED THOSE THREE THIS TIME...

EVEN IF THE CULPRIT WAS USING THE LOW FREQUENCY WAVES TO KNOCK OVER THE FLASKS,

THE POSSIBILITY OF WANIBE GETTING SURPRISED AND RUNNING TO THE DOOR THAT USED TO LEAD TO THE CONNECTING ALLEY AND FALLING TO HIS DEATH...

NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK OF IT, IT'S ONLY SO:SO... NO, EVEN LESS THAN THAT.

THAT ASSUMPTION CAN BE SEEN FROM WANIBE'S MURDER TRICK.

IT CAN BE SAID THAT THIS CASE'S CULPRIT...

HAS PLANNED EVERYTHING PERFECTLY.

BUT, AT THE BEGINNING THEY ARE STILL UNSURE IN COMMITTING THE CRIME.

THERE ARE BURNT MARK AND TRACES OF OIL ON YOUR SHOE.

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EH!?

TANISE-SAN! IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ONE WHO BURNT THE SUSPENDED BRIDGE WAS NOT THE CULPRIT.

ALTHOUGH YOU BURN IT UNDER YOUR OWN DECISION...

NO MATTER HOW, YOU CAN'T STEP FOOT OUT OF THIS VILLAGE UNTIL YOU GET THE SECRET OF BIOMASS ALGAE.

IN ORDER TO PAY YOUR TENS OF MILLIONS YEN OF DEBT,

WAS ENCOURAGING THE CULPRIT!

EH?

WHAT YOU DID,

THIS IS DESTINY...!

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TWO EVENTS THAT HAPPENED "COINCI-DENTALLY" MADE THE CULPRIT THINK.

THE BURNT SUSPENDED BRIDGE AND THE SUCCESS OF WANIBE'S MURDER...

AS AN UNNATURAL DEATHS!

THE CULPRIT TOLD THEMSELVES TO FINISH IT ALL...

THEY HAVE TO BE FINISHED!!

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KILL THEM ALL...

HAJIME-CHAN..!

THEY DID "SERIAL MURDERS" THAT LOOKS LIKE "MASS SUICIDE."

THEN, WITH A VERY BRILLIANT METHOD...

THE CULPRIT WHO DID "MAN-EATING" IN THIS LABORATORY

IS AMONG US!!

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